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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTES TO POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE (PEI)

REF: A. 04 SECSTATE 862

[B.](#) SECSTATE 118559

[¶](#)1. Post delivered ref B demarche points to Vicki Poole, Global Group Program Manager at the NZ Agency for International Development (NZAID); Dr. Mark Jacobs, Director of Public Health in the Ministry of Health; and the Americas Division of the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

[¶](#)2. On behalf of all these agencies, Poole responded that in June 2005 New Zealand made further contributions of NZ\$1.5 million (US\$1.05 million) to the global Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI). This figure includes NZ\$1.0 million (US\$700,000) donated through UNICEF and NZ\$500,000 (US\$350,000) through New Zealand Rotary International. These contributions are in addition to New Zealand's total PEI contributions of NZ\$1.6 million (US\$1.1 million) in 2003 and NZ\$200,000 (US\$140,000) in 2004, and reflects NZAID's October 2004 commitment to strongly consider the PEI in its future funding rounds (ref A).

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